

REMARKS

Applicant's attorney spoke with Examiner Leykin on March 17, 2003, and was advised that the "REMARKS" which were part of the Response filed on January 29, 2003, will be part of the record in the event an appeal is taken. There was some doubt about this in Applicant's attorney's mind in view of the Advisory Action. See "Box 7", which the Examiner checked.

In reviewing the "REMARKS" submitted in response to the Official Action dated October 29, 2002, Applicant wishes to make particularly clear the difference between the present invention as set forth in claims 1-3 and the McElroy patent (U.S. No. 5,835,868), upon which said claims have been rejected as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). That difference, simply stated, is that McElroy does not disclose, teach or suggest the use of "at least three lines to the actuating means, namely, two voltage supply lines and a control line." In the prior art McElroy patent, polarity, and polarity alone determines the direction of the drive. In the present invention, the motor is controlled by energizing two terminals by accompanying polarity voltages and by a third terminal which is a confirmatory line. For the direction of movement, the polarity of the first two lines must coincide with the direction given by the confirmatory line. Only in this case will the movement be released in the corresponding direction.

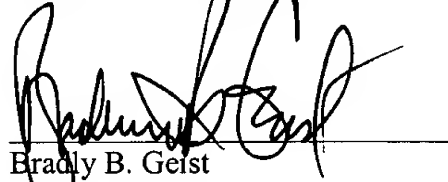
Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider her position in light of this clear statement of what is missing from the teaching of McElroy, and which therefore makes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) untenable. As the Examiner must know,

§102(b) requires that all of the claimed elements as arranged in the claims (claims 1-3) be disclosed as such in the cited reference.

The due date for filing a Notice of Appeal is set to expire on April 29, 2003.

Accordingly, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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